

**In the Drawings**

No objections to the drawings were indicated in the Office Action.

## REMARKS

Claims 1, 5-11 and 17-20 presently stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Patent 2,815,997 to Korb. Claims 1, 2, 13 and 16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Patent 2,366,652 to Rieger. Claims 3, 4, 14 and 15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the Rieger patent in view of Patent 2,702,926 to Rahaim. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Specifically, each of the claims have been amended to incorporate the preamble limitation of the fan into the body of the claim. As none of the references of record involve a fan bade, there is no anticipation.

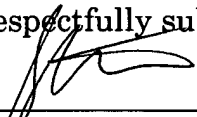
Further, while the Examiner states that it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time the invention was made to make the fuselage of Rieger with the hole filled with glue and with the dowel having a longitudinal groove for the purpose of obtaining proper glue distribution along the dowel as taught by Rahaim, there is no teaching in any reference to make a fan blade using such techniques of Rieger or Rahaim. Hence, a *prima facie* showing of obviousness has not been set forth.

Claim 12 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being patentable over Korb in view of Patent 5,421,430 to Cox. While the Examiner states that it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time the invention was made to make the board of Korb with cap plugs disposed over the exposed ends of the dowel for the purpose of improving aesthetic value of the

board as taught by Cox, there is no teaching in any reference to make a fan blade using such techniques. Hence, a *prima facie* showing of obviousness has not been set forth.

All grounds of rejection having been overcome by the amendments hereinabove, reconsideration and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,




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